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**Title: BLADES WITH FUNCTIONAL BALANCE ASYMMETRIES FOR USE WITH  
ULTRASONIC SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS**

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Dear Sir:

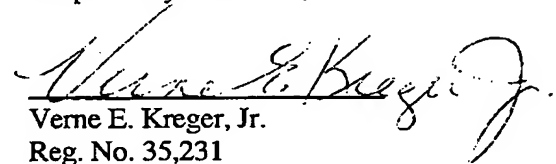
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR**

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2003 for three (3) month(s) from 09/18/03 to 12/18/03. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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